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Executive Summary

In 2012, the Office of the Secretary of Public Safety continued its work with Governor Bob McDonnell and this Administration to further advance a “Commonwealth of Opportunity” by leading its agencies in ensuring the safety and security of the citizens of Virginia. The Office of the Secretary of Public Safety and its agencies worked diligently to provide the public with the services, training, resources and information essential to maintaining the safety of the Commonwealth.

This year, Governor McDonnell and the Office of the Secretary of Public Safety had the most aggressive Public Safety legislative agenda since the abolition of parole in 1994. Legislation was passed creating a mandatory life sentence for rape, forcible sodomy and object sexual penetration of a child under 13. Additionally, the penalty for repeat drug dealers was significantly increased. Second-time offenders will now face a mandatory minimum sentence of three years in prison and third-time or subsequent offenders will face a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in prison.

The Office of the Secretary of Public Safety continued to make great strides in prisoner re-entry at the adult and juvenile levels. The Virginia Department of Corrections held their first statewide Offender Re-Entry conference for service providers, which focused on enhancing public safety through increased accountability and appropriate supervision. Re-Entry efforts have continued to advance and evidence based programs are being institutionalized in Virginia.

The Office of the Secretary of Public Safety has made gang prevention and combating gangs a key initiative in this Administration. Over the last year, many of our agencies, including Virginia State Police (VSP), the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), the Department of Corrections (DOC), and the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), came together to educate and train individuals about gang violence and preventative measures. DCJS conducted an Executive Gang Summit, which featured a variety of successful programs and approaches to address the problem of gangs and gang violence in Virginia communities.

DOC and DJJ instituted a major operational change for efficiency in 2012 with the inclusion of the Department of Correctional Education (DCE) into their agencies. This merger was done to create a more effective and efficient integration of education into our correctional operations. This was a successful effort and represented a part of the Governor’s government reform initiative. The project was successfully completed and resulted in monetary savings and had minimal impact on the state employees.



SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BILL SIGNING

Governor McDonnell Signs Legislation to Protect Victims of Sexual and Domestic Violence

This year, the Commonwealth was host to several large scale events, that required the Public Safety Secretariat to plan for and adapt to new challenges. In May, Virginia hosted the 2012 National Governors’ Association Conference in Williamsburg. This event brought Governors from around the nation to Virginia to discuss public policy and gave them the opportunity to deliberate on national issues. During this large scale event, The Office of the Secretary of Public Safety, VSP, the Virginia National Guard and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) worked diligently to ensure the safety of hundreds of high level public officials. Additionally, Public Safety navigated a year of Presidential and Senatorial elections. Frequent visits from the President as well as candidates of both parties increased the need for law enforcement



PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING DECEMBER AS VIRGINIA NATIONAL GUARD APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION MONTH

Governor McDonnell was joined by Secretary of Public Safety Marla Graff Decker and Maj. Gen. Daniel E. Long, Jr., the Adjutant General of Virginia in recognizing members of the Virginia National Guard and Virginia Defense Force.



THE GOVERNOR'S TRIP TO GREENSVILLE CORRECTIONAL CENTER



2012 PUBLIC SAFETY AGENDA

Building on the public safety proposals outlined in his State of the Commonwealth address, Governor Bob McDonnell announced his public safety agenda for the 2012 General Assembly session at a press conference on Capitol Square. He was joined by Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli, members of the General Assembly, and public safety officials.

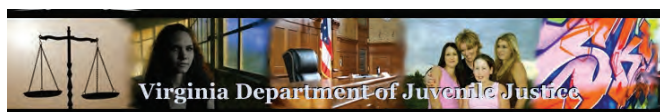
presence, traffic management, man-made and natural disaster preparation, and seamless cooperation with localities. Our agencies met these challenges head-on and performed with spectacular ability and professionalism.

Throughout the year, Virginia experienced several natural disasters. In late June, the Commonwealth experienced an unusual weather event known as a Derecho. This atypical storm caused mass power outages in the midst of high temperatures around much of the state. Virginia first responders worked to provide shelter, food, water, and other necessities to the nearly 1.2 million residents without power, in addition to responding to the emergency calls that typically follow heavy winds and storms.

In October, Virginia experienced another natural disaster in the form of Hurricane Sandy. Virginia's public safety personnel and emergency response teams tracked Hurricane Sandy's progress and prepared for the worst. While many parts of Virginia were subjected to extreme conditions, Sandy did not cause the wide scope of damage that had been predicted. Our Emergency Management Team worked with localities, Governor McDonnell, and the Office of the Secretary of Public Safety to offer disaster response and recovery services to our impacted communities and ultimately offered assistance to the more heavily impacted areas of New York and New Jersey.

With the commendable support of our agencies, the Office of the Secretary of Public Safety continued to support disaster preparedness, response and recovery. We have also provided leadership and support for our localities as together we have addressed criminal justice issues ranging from gangs to emerging illegal drugs to computer crimes to terrorism. Our office also worked with the Public Safety Memorial Foundation to help raise money for the Public Safety Memorial, with the hope of breaking ground in the near future.

Following our great successes in 2012, the Office of the Secretary of Public Safety continues to enhance our strong teams composed of hard working, qualified and devoted leaders. Our agencies are diligently working together to become more efficient, effective and resourceful. In the coming year, we will continue to find ways to better serve the needs of our citizens and visitors. We will continue to build upon the excellence in public safety to enhance the safety and security of our Commonwealth. ■





SAVVY – SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS VITAL FOR VIRGINIA YOUTH

Secretary Marla Graff Decker attends the SAVVY Expo at James River High School.

PUBLIC SAFETY MEMORIAL PRESS CONFERENCE

Secretary of Public Safety Marla Graff Decker speaks at the press conference for the Public Safety Memorial. Governor Bob McDonnell unveiled the design and launched the fundraising campaign in Richmond. The governor was joined by public safety officials, Memorial Fundraising Committee co-chairs Jerry Kilgore and Terry McAuliffe, representatives from the Virginia Public Safety Foundation and elected officials.



Awareness

Since taking office in 2010 Governor McDonnell has expressed his strong belief that public safety is the top priority of government at every level. Upholding that principle, the Office of the Secretary of Public Safety initiated a partnership between the Department of Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) and the Department of Forensic Science (DFS), in conjunction with the Governor's Office, to launch "Substance Abuse Awareness Vital for Virginia Youth" (SAVVY). SAVVY is a community awareness initiative designed to encourage synergy among state and local agencies, community coalitions, law enforcement and other local officials, school and PTA leaders, and healthcare professionals to address the problems of drug and alcohol abuse among Virginia youth. The program focuses on emerging drugs and trends associated with different regions of the state.

The Department of Criminal Justice (DCJS) assessed and evaluated public safety programs, ranging from the Virginia Asset Seizure and Forfeiture Program, Pretrial Services programs, and Victims' Services programs, to analyzing efforts combating gang violence and human trafficking. In addition to those studies, DCJS examined the current and projected financial outlook for the ten regional law enforcement training academies.

A specific component of Governor McDonnell's State of the Commonwealth was his avid commitment to securing more mental health funding. Governor McDonnell emphasized that it is absolutely necessary to allocate increased funding to transition more individuals from institutional care to community-based care. In order to increase awareness of post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) the Department of Juvenile Justices' (DJJ) Behavioral Services Unit led an in-depth training of DJJ staff regarding the treatment of residents suffering from PTSD and how to recognize signs and symptoms of the disease. Those individuals now receive enhanced treatment protocols. Residents also have access to improved mental health services resulting from increased compliance with Mental Health Services Transition Planning.

The Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control has partnered with youth around Virginia to once again host the YADAPP conference. YADAPP began in 1984, when individuals from the community and state government met to answer the question: "How do we address underage drinking and drug use?" and ended up asking another: "What do the teens think?". From that meeting, Youth Alcohol Abuse Prevention Project (YAAPP), a youth leadership program that empowers teens to become involved in keeping their schools and communities alcohol and drug free was developed and funded through a grant from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles. The project later expanded to include drug-abuse prevention and was renamed YADAPP.

Since then, YADAPP has continued to grow. Over the last 29 years, more than ten thousand students and 440 high schools and community organizations have participated in this unique, youth-led leadership conference. Since 1995, Virginia ABC has partnered with other agencies to produce YADAPP, and assumed the role of lead coordinator in 2009. From 2010 to 2014, YADAPP has shown an increase in team attendance from 75 teams in 2010 to 93 teams in 2013, allowing the program to impact up to 18 more communities across the Commonwealth each year.

YADAPP prides itself on being a youth-run conference, and it has continued because it recognizes the capacity of youth themselves to become positive influences and peer leaders. ■

"STOP THE SILENCE, STOP THE VIOLENCE" VIDEO

The PSA video featuring Governor McDonnell, was spearheaded by the Office of the Secretary of Public Safety with assistance from the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.





SCHOOL AND CAMPUS SAFETY TRAINING FORUM AND STATE D.A.R.E. CONFERENCE

The conference is a longstanding partnership between the Department of Criminal Justice Services—Virginia Center for School Safety, Department of Education, the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, the Office of the Attorney General, and the Department of Health. Honor Guard from the Hampton Police Department opened the conference.



STATEWIDE CASA CONFERENCE: A PARTNERSHIP FOR KIDS

Designed to build skills relating to the advocacy efforts that all child welfare partners need in order to best serve abused and neglected children, the CASA conference benefitted and educated CASA volunteers, program staff, and board members who want to enhance advocacy skills.



VIRGINIA VICTIM ASSISTANCE ACADEMY

Justice William C. Mims, Supreme Court of Virginia, discusses the importance of enhancing the criminal justice response to victims of crime with Dr. Joan L. Neff, Associate Provost at the University of Richmond, and DCJS Director Garth Wheeler.



VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Graduates receive diplomas at the Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women.

Education and Training

Running an effective government is not possible without an effective workforce. Those who serve the Commonwealth of Virginia, especially those in public safety, must receive specialized education and undergo rigorous and constant training to ensure that they are serving the public to the best of their abilities. This was the goal of the Secretary's first annual Public Safety Leadership Institute, in which public safety experts trained rising leaders from each public safety agency through several day-long sessions. Various aspects of management and leadership were highlighted in presentations, round table discussions and work group formats. Participants synthesized their learnings by presenting projects at the end of the course.

One of the core tenants of the Commonwealths Attorneys' Services Council is to provide training for Virginia's elected Commonwealth's Attorneys and their 700 assistants, offering approximately 230 hours of continuing legal education. Topics covered included DUI, DUI-D, "Cops-in-Court" regional trainings, gang education, using the iPad in the courtroom, as well as specialized training on emerging legal issues.

The Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) led the charge in providing and sponsoring educational opportunities about relevant crime-related issues. This is, of course, in addition to the mandated training responsibilities provided in the Virginia Code. In partnership with the Office of the Attorney General and the Virginia Department of Social Services, DCJS sponsored trainings for law enforcement and prosecutors to refine investigative and prosecutorial techniques with regard to human trafficking. DCJS, the University of Richmond, and the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund also sponsored the Virginia Victim Assistance Academy to ensure that the defenders of the Commonwealth have increased knowledge when dealing with victims. Virginia Supreme Court Justice William C. Mims addressed the 26 graduates of the 2012 class of the UVAA. Under a two year grant from the Office on Violence Against Women, DCJS collaborated with several agencies to develop training for teams of local stakeholders to improve coordination of the community's response to sexual assault and domestic violence.

Other agencies dedicated to continuous training and education were the Virginia Department of Corrections (VADOC) and the Department of Forensic Science (DFS). VADOC sponsored the first Virginia Women in Corrections Conference. Over 150 women had the opportunity to earn VDOC/DCJS/American Correctional

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VIRGINIA CAMPUS SAFETY FORUM: ADDRESSING SEXUAL ASSAULT ON CAMPUS

*Major Gene Deisinger of
Virginia Tech Police Department
facilitating a discussion at the
Virginia Campus Safety Forum.*



REGIONAL STRIKE FORCE

VADOC Eastern and Central regions strike force training participants pose with Director Harold Clarke and other officials, including Secretary of Public Safety Marla Graff Decker and Deputy Secretary of Public Safety Bryan Rhode.



VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

University of Richmond students mentor DJJ residents.



EXECUTIVE LEVEL GANG SUMMIT

The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services conducted the Gang Summit which included the presentation of current information on gangs and gang violence in Virginia and featured a variety of successful programs and approaches to address these problems.

Education and Training (Continued)

Association (ACA) training credits. DFS aimed to improve crime scene evidence collection and submission through their successful Forensic Science Academy, which had over 460 officers in attendance.

Regional efforts to train and educate correctional officers were successful. In conducting joint field training at the old Brunswick Correctional Center, the Virginia Department of Corrections (DOC) conducted training for the Eastern and Central Region Strike Force teams as well as K-9 and patrol dog handlers, Critical Incident Negotiations Team (CINT) Hostage Negotiators, Investigators and Intel Officers, SIU, and the Food Service Department.

In order to create a safer Commonwealth, top priorities for Governor McDonnell include awareness and education with regard to school and campus safety and gang prevention. DCJS published its results from a statewide study that gauged the nature of gang activity in the Commonwealth. This research has assisted local and state officials and provided much needed information as Virginia moves to the next level in combating gangs. DCJS hosted the Executive Gang Summit, aimed at preventing gangs and associated gang violence. The forum is part of the Administration's statewide effort to address gangs and foster collaboration at all levels. In addressing current safety concerns of the Commonwealth's student population, over 650 people participated in the 2012 School and Campus Safety Training Forum and State Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Conference. In her commitment to this initiative, Secretary Decker addressed attendees at the 2012 Virginia Campus Safety Forum.

One mission of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) is to serve as a resource for life-saving education and training. VDEM's Search and Rescue squad has trained more than 600 individuals and responded to 74 search and rescue missions resulting in 38 lives saved this year. Also, VDEM has conducted or supported the facilitation of 152 courses, on-line and on-site, in various areas of public safety, including a Terrorism Awareness course.

Secretary Decker has encouraged agencies to develop leaders at all levels and build future leaders through training and mentoring. Through its Leadership and Management Program (LAMP), the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) creates a thriving and dynamic environment conducive to employee success. LAMP aims to build leadership skills and provides a mentoring component to retain crucial institutional knowledge to improve ABC practices. ■



VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS CHESTERFIELD TRAINING

In November 2012, approximately 175 people attended a statewide VADOC gang training at the Chesterfield Police Academy. Increased gang training is part of the agency's strategic plan to deal with the gang issue and reflects the agency's desire to reduce the problem through training, communication and collaboration.



34TH CST EVALUATED AS FULLY MISSION CAPABLE



STAUNTON-BASED 116TH BCT HQS RETURNS TO VIRGINIA

Approximately 30 Virginia National Guard Soldiers assigned to the Fort Belvoir-based 29th Infantry Division returned to Virginia, July 2012, after serving on federal active duty in Afghanistan since November 2011. The Soldiers were assigned to NATO's International Security Assistance Force Joint Command Afghan National Security Force Development Team where they served as advisors and mentors to senior Afghan leaders with the mission to provide Afghan National Army and Afghan National Police subject matter expertise to facilitate ANSF growth and development.

Preparedness

One of the most fundamental components of modern emergency management is messaging preparedness and ensuring that citizens are aware of potential natural disasters. In an effort to provide efficient distribution of most up to date information, the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) live-streamed Governor McDonnell's pre-landfall press conferences in hopes of preparing our citizens for Hurricane Sandy. The Governor is committed to having open dialogue with the public especially in the case of an emergency, thus resulting in the completion of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the Integrated Public and Alert Warning System (IPAWS) between the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Commonwealth of Virginia. This year VDEM also launched its mobile application for smart phones called "Ready Virginia". The goal of "Ready Virginia" is to communicate with the public before and during emergencies in a user friendly way.

To connect state agencies during the course of emergencies, VDEM enhanced emergency management with twenty-first century technology through the development of a State Agency Radio System Interoperability Plan. VDEM officials also improved emergency management programs by ensuring that all local jurisdictions formally adopted emergency operations plans, a goal that had not been achieved since 2007. As a result of the 2012 version of the Commonwealth's Emergency Operations Plan, Governor McDonnell approved the development of Technological Hazards Response, which provides the necessary response in the event of a low-frequency, high impact disturbance causing power outages, and Earthquake Annexes in order to reinforce the already strong emergency management infrastructure.

Nationally, VDEM's commitment to public safety has not gone unnoticed. VDEM was ranked third in the United States by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for its superior performance in organizing local events during National Preparedness Month. This honor is consistent with VDEM's high credibility nationally with regard to response and recovery efforts involving disasters.

The Virginia National Guard welcomed back 110 Soldiers from the Staunton-based 116th Brigade Combat Team Headquarters, 20 soldiers from the Bowling Green-based Detachment 1, Company B, 116th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, about 40 Virginia Guardsmen assigned to the Hampton-based Provincial Reconstruction Team Security Force Platoon, and 65 Virginia and Maryland National Guard Soldiers from the Fort Belvoir-based 29th Infantry Division after serving in Afghanistan in a variety of capacities. The Office of the Secretary of Public Safety



recognizes and applauds these men and women for defending the interests of the Commonwealth. ■



READY VIRGINIA APP

The free ReadyVirginia app puts emergency information in the palm of your hand.

WEEK-LONG EXERCISE TESTS VIRGINIA GUARD'S ABILITY TO RESPOND

More than 300 Virginia National Guard personnel took part in a week-long command post exercise July 23-27 to test the organization's ability to respond to planned and no-notice events.



2012 EXECUTIVE LEVEL GANG SUMMIT

Secretary of Public Safety Marla Graff providing opening remarks at the Executive Level Gang Summit at the Hotel Roanoke.



EXECUTIVE LEVEL GANG SUMMIT

United States Attorney for the Western District, Timothy J. Heaphy, addressing executives at the Executive Level Gang Summit.



VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Treatment officer pinning ceremony.

Prevention

While crime and recidivism rates have fallen statewide, Governor McDonnell and the Office of the Secretary of Public Safety continue to focus efforts on combating gangs and addressing gang violence. Over 400 individuals in a variety of fields were trained by the Department of Juvenile Justice's (DJJ) Gang Management Unit (GMU) to gain basic knowledge of gang prevention and awareness. With increased awareness comes increased ability to prevent impending conflicts.

The newly created GMU has taken gang prevention to new heights by increasing relationships with other agencies, departments, and officials at the local, state, and federal levels. GMU has also brought its knowledge to the broader public by participating in law enforcement initiatives, such as National Night Out, and gang task force operations. Specific communities that have benefitted from increased gang prevention measures include Martinsville, Pulaski, Salem, Staunton, and Charlottesville.

Another important aspect of criminal activity highlighted in Governor McDonnell's 2012 State of the Commonwealth address was drug control and combating illegal substances. In the unprecedented Operation Renew, members of



THE DRUG DIVERSION UNIT

The Virginia State Police Drug Diversion Unit reduces the pharmaceutical drug diversion problem throughout the Commonwealth through enforcement, education, and prevention.

the Virginia National Guard were charged to aid communities in reclaiming structures overtaken by drug trafficking. In an effort to prevent prohibited activity and protect the quality of structures in the City of Petersburg, the Virginia National Guard's Virginia Beach-based 203rd RED HORSE Squadron destroyed several decrepit structures with ties to the drug trade. In addition to those operations, the Virginia State Police (VSP) furthered the Governor's vision regarding drug control by reminding Virginians of the negative consequences of addiction to prescription drugs. The VSP also provided safe areas for prescription drug disposal during the National Prescription Drug Take Back Days, the highlight of which was September 29, 2012, when the public delivered approximately 2,778 pounds of prescription drugs to the VSP Salem Division's 27 collection sites. ■



"FULFILLING OUR PROMISE, PURSUING OUR DESTINY" RE-ENTRY CONFERENCE

Secretary of Public Safety Marla Graff Decker presents at the Re-entry Conference.



ESCAPE AT TWIN LAKES

In September 2012, the Virginia Department of Corrections (VADOC) held a full-scale escape exercise to increase the agency's ability to deal with a similar real-life emergency. The exercise involved a manhunt into a densely forested state park with two deep bodies of water, Twin Lakes State Park in Prince Edward County. VADOC quickly set up the Incident Command System and established security, operational communications and operational coordination. This was a relevant, realistic, and challenging training for which VADOC met all exercise objectives.



VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

The photo above shows a raid of an illegal wine manufacturing operation in Newport News. To the right is a still site that was raided in Franklin County.



Enforcement

In our effort to create a “Commonwealth of Opportunity,” it is essential for the Office of the Secretary of Public Safety and its agencies to defend individual rights and enforce the laws. This legislative session Governor McDonnell took action with regard to these core principles. “Blue Alert,” was developed as a mass public alert system to aid public safety officials in capturing a fugitive who has injured or killed a public safety professional in the line of duty. Governor McDonnell signed the bill for the “Blue Alert” program into law in 2011. VSP launched its first “Blue Alert” on October 31, 2012, on behalf of the Stafford County Sheriff’s Office. The subject was located later in the week by law enforcement in Minnesota.

In response to increases in criminal activity in the Commonwealth, such as an uptick in reports concerning illegal distilleries, nip joints, and human trafficking, the ABC Bureau of Law Enforcement confronted these challenges head on by creating two additional units: the Gang Management Unit and Special Operations Unit. The former serves to aid in the identification, intelligence gathering and participation in operations concerning criminal street gangs and outlaw motorcycle gangs, while the latter operates as the coordinator and, in many cases, the command structure for large scale and inter-regional operations.

To strengthen the Commonwealth’s gang prevention and elimination forces, the Virginia Department of Corrections’ (VADOC) gang specialists trained police departments and a variety of stakeholders through a community outreach project. These stakeholders worked collectively to ensure that each had a complete understanding of their role in gang control. Participants included community members and organizations, including the Department of Social Services, school systems (including counselors and teachers), probation and parole boards, housing authorities, child advocacy groups, comprehensive health investment project as well as officials from the regional jails. The Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) provided further instruction on gang prevention through the Virginia Community and Law Enforcement Gang Training Series. DCJS and the Office of the Attorney General instructed over 900 individuals in eight introductory-level trainings on topics such as Current Gang Trends, Gangs and Technology, Gangs and Virginia Law, Current Community Development/Awareness Trends, and Social Networking.

To many, enforcement pertains only to the laws governing citizens of the Commonwealth; however, those in the Virginia National Guard are often asked to cross state lines to provide enforcement support to communities in need. This year the Virginia National Guard provided border support efforts to counter influxes in illegal immigration in Texas. Their efforts resulted in the apprehension of over 1,800 illegal immigrants and the seizure of over 1,500 pounds of narcotics. Virginia State Police, local law enforcement, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Bureau of Immigrations and Customs Enforcement also aided in the apprehension of illegal immigrants who were convicted criminal aliens and immigration fugitives through “Operation Cross Check,” leading to the swift arrest of more than 3,100 individuals.

This year was another successful year in combating the issues of technologically-driven crimes against children. Due to “Operation Phalanx,” a partnership among Internet Crimes Against Children Task Forces in Northern Virginia-DC and Southern Virginia, with the support of the Office of the Attorney General’s Computer Crime Section, Virginia State Police arrested 11 child predators. ■





RE-ENTRY PROCLAMATION

Director Harold Clarke and friends of DOC pose with the re-entry proclamation



GREENSVILLE CORRECTIONAL CENTER

Governor McDonnell speaks with inmates at the Greenville Correctional Center



DMV MOBILE UNIT TO JCC CAMPUSES

Transition Specialist Coordinator Melissa Smith and Ronnie Moore, Bon Air Juvenile Correctional Center Assistant Superintendent of Programs, arranged to bring a DMV mobile unit to JCC campuses to provide IDs to residents preparing to re-enter the community.



HALFWAY HOUSE RESTORATION

Abraxas House in Staunton (left) and Hampton Place in Norfolk (dining area shown at right), DJJ's two halfway houses, were closed for renovations and then re-opened in July with restructured programs in place to best serve residents transitioning from JCCs to life back in their communities. Renovations included installation of modern security systems and needed repairs to the facilities. Potential residents for Abraxas House and Hampton Place are carefully chosen to ensure the highest chance for successful re-entry into the community.

Prisoner Re-entry

Throughout this administration, prisoner re-entry has been at the forefront of Governor McDonnell's agenda. The Governor believes that those who have learned from their mistakes and taken responsibility for their actions should be reintroduced as productive members of society, producing an environment of "more law abiding citizens and fewer victims." Re-entry initiatives span several agencies under the Office of the Secretary of Public Safety. In that vein, under the leadership of Secretary Decker and Director Clarke, the Virginia Department of Corrections (VADOC) led the first statewide Offender Re-entry Conference in Williamsburg, from May 23rd through May 24th. Law enforcement professionals, service providers, faith-based organizations and community leaders joined forces to learn about their roles in the re-entry process. It was essential to the Governor for diverse stakeholders to participate because re-entry is a community concern. The Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), in partnership with Virginia Commonwealth University, created the Virginia Mentoring Partnership in order to provide a key element to re-entry participation in our juvenile offenders.

Re-entry is also made possible in partnership with increased job opportunities. Bon Air Juvenile Correction Center's female Transition/Work Education Release Program (WERP), which will be sustained by grant funding that will also match resident's salaries as well as support job training, will have eight bed spaces available. Another work-related re-entry program, Re-Entry to Education and Employment Program (REEP) is being implemented at Beaumont, Hanover and Culpeper Juvenile Correction Centers. REEP differs by removing obstacles for young people returning to the community by providing programs and services that educate, prepare, and equip youth to succeed as productive and contributing members of society. DJJ fosters family unity through technological advances in face-to-face visitation equipment as a means of strengthening personal contacts in order to assist with ultimate re-entry into the community.

Paying particular attention to the re-entry of veterans, the Governor highlighted two priorities of his agenda, one being re-entry, the other being veteran support. Governor McDonnell wants to make Virginia "the most veteran-friendly state in America." With a commitment to recognizing and valuing those who have and those who continue to serve our nation and the Commonwealth, the Department of Corrections' opened a new veterans' dorm at the Haynesville Correctional Center in early November. Eighty-four veterans participated in the center's Veterans Expecting to Transition Successfully (VETS) program. VETS is a pilot program to prepare incarcerated veterans to become active

and contributing members of society. To celebrate veterans' continued record of service, Secretary Decker visited those in the "Mission Recovery" unit at Indian Creek Correctional Center. The purpose of this new unit is to provide specialized treatment to incarcerated military personnel. This program is the second pilot program dedicated to veterans' re-entry.

Additional housing for juvenile re-entry participants is now available after the massive renovation and restructuring of Abraxas House and Hampton Place, halfway houses in Staunton and Norfolk, respectively. Candidates for housing are selected based on the probability of their re-entry. Federal funding under the Second Chance Grant Award increased residential availability to seven in the Apartment Living Program and five in the detention re-entry initiative. ■



"FULFILLING OUR PROMISE, PURSUING OUR DESTINY" RE-ENTRY CONFERENCE

Secretary of Public Safety Marla Graff Decker presents at the Re-entry Conference.

POLICE VEHICLE CEREMONY



Secretary Marla Graff Decker joins DCJS staff Kenny Adcock, Jerri Smith, Sam Hoffman, Stephanie Morton, Robby Cottrel and Division Director Teresa Gooch at the police vehicle ceremony.



Acting Chief of Police David Irby, Secretary Marla Graff Decker and DCJS Director Garth Wheeler with new Halifax Police Department patrol car.



Chief of Police George Wallace and Secretary Marla Graff Decker with new Haysi Police Department patrol car.

Efficiency

The McDonnell Administration is committed to maintaining the most efficient and effective government possible. In line with these principles was the seamless merger of the Department of Correctional Education (DCE) employees into the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and the Department of Corrections (DOC). DJJ reconfigured its mission, vision and values statements to more accurately reflect inherited responsibilities of DCE, culminating in new agency goals and philosophy. This strategic change took place to eliminate redundancy, provide significant savings, and cause minimal negative effects on the workforce. Similarly DOC unified its efforts to better reflect the education and vocational needs of the offenders, completely consistent with re-entry planning.

To cultivate a highly functioning and productive government, collaboration among agencies is key. The Office of the Secretary of Public Safety and various agencies developed a Victims' Rights Coordination Council to identify how state agencies and stakeholders could access and maximize current resources and identify collaborative practices to protect crime victims' rights and improve services for victims. Additionally, Governor McDonnell awarded the Virginia Department of Corrections (VADOC), the Department of General Services, and the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services, the Teamwork Award for making strategic changes in drug testing of urine samples of inmates and parolees, concluding with the centralization of testing sites to the Richmond laboratory and eliminating 23 superfluous VADOC drug testing sites in the process.

The federal government supports efficiency in operation, thereby awarding the Virginia State Police's (VSP) Motor Carrier Safety Program with the "2012 Leadership Award for Data Quality Fiscal Year 2011." VSP was lauded for its timely, accurate, and complete commercial motor vehicle crash and inspection data.

Resource distribution and allocation is another important component of efficiency. Helping to make government work smarter, Secretary Decker formally presented new patrol cars to five police departments and one Sheriff's office in the western and southern parts of the Commonwealth at the State Capitol. Recipients were chosen according to demonstrated need. The Commonwealth did not bear the cost of these vehicles, which were provided through the federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grant administered by DCJS. The Haley Automotive Group donated additional funds to equip these police vehicles, ensuring that each vehicle was equipped with the most current technologies. Beneficiaries included police departments of Cedar Bluff, Clinchco, Halifax, Haysi, and Stanley and the Bland County Sheriff's office. ■



GOVERNOR MCDONNELL'S TEAMWORK AWARD

Shown with Governor McDonnell and DGS employees are VADOC's Darryl Kerkeslager, second from the left, and Melissa Welch, fifth from the left



STARBASE

The Virginia Guard hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Winchester STARBASE Academy July 23 at the Cherry-Beasley Readiness Center in Winchester. Students from Frederick Douglass Elementary School took part in the first-ever five-day program that ended July 27.

TACTICAL EMERGENCY MEDIC SERVICES

Virginia State Police Tact Teams and Tactical Field Force became the first public safety response units in the state to be staffed with specially-trained, certified medics as part of the TEMS.



Innovation

The Commonwealth of Virginia prides itself on being technologically innovative. From software, to construction, to cyber crime and beyond, Governor McDonnell's forward thinking outlook on technology has shaped several actions within the Office of the Secretary of Public Safety. On September 20, 2012, Virginia State Police dedicated its state-of-the-art driver training facility – the only one of its kind in the Commonwealth. The complex includes 4.5 unique topographical aspects, a 342,000 square foot “precision driving course” and 25,000 square foot “skid pan” to simulate various inclement road conditions. This facility will help ensure the best possible training for our law enforcement community.

Cyber crime continues to grow as technology advances. Virginia has cracked down on virtual criminals through several means. The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's Information Technology division developed security vulnerability detection software against its own applications and fortified remediation baselines set for all internally developed applications. Regarding cyber crimes against children, the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) created the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Fund to support Virginia's two existing ICAC Task Forces as well as formulated a new ICAC grant program. These new grants were awarded to local law enforcement ICAC Task Force affiliate agencies to expand efforts against internet crimes. Also, through a one-time competitive grant process, 17 local law enforcement agencies affiliated with one of the two established ICAC Task Forces received special ICAC equipment and trainings.

The Department of Forensic Science, using technology for improving data collection, purchased several toxicology instruments, specifically automated Randox instrumentation, to screen blood and tissue samples more efficiently and to detect a wider range of drug compounds. A new methodology in toxicology streamlined sample preparation and allowed for the simultaneous identification and quantification of drug compounds. For the area of controlled substances, “gas chromatograph-solid-state infrared spectroscopy” instruments are being used to analyze suspected synthetic cannabinoids and research chemical compounds, popularly known as “bath salts.” The proliferation of these hallucinogenic substances over the past several years is of great concern to law enforcement and health care professionals. The Department of Forensic Science continues to work to meet the new challenges associated with these substances.

Beyond the realm of material technology, innovation was also implemented through new applications. The Department of Juvenile Justice instituted interesting approaches to behavioral practices, leading to the creation of the C-3 Aggression Management Substance Abuse program as well as a new set of Standard Operating Procedures regarding incentives and sanctions for juveniles under probation or parole supervision.

To ensure sustained and vibrant technological growth in the Commonwealth, students from Frederick Douglass Elementary School took part in Virginia Guard's STARBASE Academy in Winchester at the Cherry-Beasley Readiness Center. STARBASE cultivates a curiosity in STEM-H fields in elementary school-aged students. ■

DRIVER TRAINING COMPLEX

Dedicated in September 2012, the new Driver Training Complex in Nottoway County is the only-of-its-kind in Virginia. The training track features 4.5 miles of interstate, urban and rural highways with asphalt, concrete and gravel surfaces. It includes an interstate “cloverleaf” and Urban Response Course complete with railroad tracks and a cul-de-sac.





VIRGINIA EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

When disaster strikes, response needs to be fast, efficient and effective. The Virginia Department of Emergency Management manages and staffs the Virginia Emergency Operations Center, which serves as the operations center for state efforts before, during, and after emergencies and disasters strike or threaten Virginia.

VIRGINIA GUARD WRAPS UP HURRICANE SANDY SUPPORT

Virginia National Guard Soldiers trudged through high water and cut trees to clear a path for two rescue missions that transported seven adults and one child to safety at two locations on Cattail Road in the Mears, Virginia area Oct. 30. The rescue mission took place two days after another high water transport required carrying a citizen who was unable to walk more than 200 yards through chest-high water. Virginia State Police had asked the Soldiers to conduct health and welfare checks at two locations they had not been able to reach. At the first location, the Soldiers had to cut through trees to enable their medium tactical truck access to the house where a family of five, including a young child, needed assistance to leave their house that was surrounded by high water. At the second location, Soldiers had to trudge through two miles of high water, cutting trees as they went, but were unable to get their truck to the house where a husband and wife needed evacuation. Using the family's boat, the Soldiers guided them about half a mile through the high water, then walked the rest of the way to the truck for evacuation. Both groups were evacuated to family members whose homes were not threatened by high water.



Response

Responding to the needs of Virginia's citizens is critical to maintain a safe Commonwealth. This year the Virginia Department of Emergency Management's (VDEM) resources were put to the test with unexpected and severe natural disasters, VDEM responded with prudence and efficiency.

From April 8-19, Virginia experienced a rash of wildland fires on private lands and National Forest Service lands. The Virginia Department of Forestry reported 124 fires burned approximately 643 acres on private lands while six large fires burned a total of 39,537 acres on National Forest Service land and private land. VDEM responded to calls for assistance from affected localities through three Statewide Mutual Aid requests.

The Governor declared a State of Emergency on June 30 in response to a very unusual storm known as a Derecho (a widespread, long-lived straight-line windstorm associated with a fast-moving band of severe thunderstorms). More than 1.2 million citizens lost power at the height of the storm, which resulted in the third largest power outage in Virginia history and the largest non-hurricane power outage. Tragically, thirteen citizens lost their lives from storm-related deaths. Nevertheless, our Virginia agencies and localities responded professionally and efficiently to the needs of our citizens. From June 30 to July 4, over 200 Virginia Guard personnel assisted in support recovery operations.

In preparation for future crises, Virginia strives to be ahead of the curve. After Virginia's requests for Major Disaster Declaration and Statewide Hazard Mitigation were approved, public assistance became accessible to 69 jurisdictions and funds were available for projects sponsored by state and local governments that reduced disaster risk by protecting homes and businesses against future damage.

On October 26, 2012, Governor McDonnell declared the second State of Emergency for the year in response to the arrival of Hurricane Sandy. After a federal emergency declaration through FEMA Region III was received on October 29, in addition to VDEM and other state resources, the Virginia National Guard assisted the Virginia State Police (VSP) and local emergency response efforts. VSP responded to over 5,000 calls for service from residents and motorists in need, particularly on the Eastern Shore. During this time, Virginia National Guard Soldiers rescued seven adults and one child. Areas of the Eastern Shore of Virginia suffered significant damage from rain and

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VIRGINIA GUARD WRAPS UP HURRICANE SANDY SUPPORT

Maj. Gen. Daniel E. Long, Jr., the Adjutant General of Virginia, and Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis A. Green, senior enlisted leader for the Virginia National Guard, visit with Soldiers prepared to respond to Hurricane Sandy at the Fredericksburg Readiness Center Oct. 29. Soldiers at the Fredericksburg armory have been running patrols around their area of operations and assisting motorists and state and local authorities as needed.



THUNDERSTORMS JUNE 30-JULY 4

Virginia National Guard Soldiers from the Lynchburg-based 1st Battalion, 116th Infantry Regiment, 116th Infantry Brigade Combat Team assist Bedford Fire & Rescue personnel with water and ice distribution July 2 at Bedford Elementary School. The Virginia National Guard has more than 200 Soldiers on state active duty staged and ready in Fredericksburg and Lexington to assist with recovery operations from severe storms and excessive heat that have plagued Virginia since June 29.

Response (Continued)

coastal flooding. Many power outages were reported across northern, eastern, and western Virginia. On November 26, Virginia's request for a Major Disaster Declaration was approved, making public assistance available to 28 jurisdictions.

Over the past three years, Virginia has had more than her share of disasters and our public safety agencies handled all of them with distinction. In 2012, in addition to managing several weather events, the year had lasting political implications through the senatorial and presidential elections. Virginia State Police, working with local and federal law enforcement partners ensured the safety of the President as well as all of the other political candidates throughout the several months leading up to the election. The Virginia Emergency Operations Center successfully monitored the 2012 General Elections. Polls opened at 6 a.m. and closed at 7 p.m. across the Commonwealth. Aside from long lines, no serious issues were reported.

In addition to state missions, more than 40 Virginia Airmen supported a humanitarian mission in Hawaii, through which over 300 National Guard, reserve and active duty personnel, completed priority medical training requirements while providing \$1.98 million in basic medical services to underserved Americans on the island.

To refine response tactics, agencies under the Secretary of Public Safety offered increased trainings and educational opportunities. In July, the Department of Military Affairs held the Commonwealth Guardian, a week-long command post exercise in late July, to test its effectiveness at responding to several simultaneous events. Virginia Guard's Fort Pickett-based 34th Civil Support Team (CST), after successfully completing a Training Proficiency Evaluation, was evaluated as fully mission capable by U. S. Army North's Civil Support Readiness Group-East. The CST conducts an external evaluation every 18 months to validate that they are able to assist first responders in potential biological, chemical, nuclear, radiological and explosive incidents. ■



VDEM AND SANDY

VEOC Operations during Hurricane Sandy.



MEMORIAL SERVICE

2012 Memorial Service 42 – The ceremonial “5-5-5” tolling of the bell is conducted in honor of Fallen Firefighters at the 2012 Memorial Service.



VIRGINIA FALLEN FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL SERVICE

The St. Andrews Legion leads the procession at the beginning of the 2012 Virginia Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service.

Recognition

The Commonwealth has a reputation across the nation for excellence. It is no surprise that this excellence is reflected in our public safety agencies. The 15th annual Virginia Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service paid tribute to those who lost their lives in the line of duty or have been recognized by the Virginia Line of Duty Act for their bravery and dedicated public service. The following individuals were honored this year: Firefighter David Palmer of Roanoke Fire-EMS, Lieutenant William Brady of Norfolk Fire-Rescue, Battalion Chief Bobbie Slayton of Roanoke Fire-EMS, Captain James Blanchard of James City County Fire Department, Firefighter Jeffery Cocke of Altavista Fire Department, and Firefighter Horace Pendergrass of Fairfax County Fire & Rescue. Secretary Decker presented these heroes' families with state flags as a symbol of the Commonwealth's appreciation for their loved ones service and sacrifice.

In an historic proclamation, Governor McDonnell declared December as "Virginia National Guard Appreciation and Recognition Month." Several units received accolades for their quality of personnel, excellent qualifications, and high attendance at drills. Individuals also received awards on the basis of individual weapons and physical fitness scores. The Gate City-based 1032nd Transportation Company, 1030th Transportation Battalion, and the 329th Regional Support Group were awarded the Eisenhower Trophy and Superior Unit Award and were recognized as the most outstanding company-level unit in the Virginia Army National Guard during the 2011 training year. The Manassas-based 266th Military Police Company, 1030th Transportation Battalion, 329th Regional Support Group was recognized with the state-level Pershing Award for the highest marksmanship scores in the Virginia Army National Guard.

At the Virginia Women in History program, Sergeant Monica Beltran of the Virginia National Guard was honored for her dedicated years of service. Beltran, the first woman to receive a Bronze Star Medal for Valor, was one of eight Virginia women recognized by the program. Sergeant Steve Lowe of the Virginia State Police (VSP) received a Community Service and Volunteerism Award for improving life in Southwest Virginia in his capacities as an Officer in Charge of the Honor Guard, a member of the American Legion, and a volunteer for at-risk youth. Additionally, VSP Sergeants Becky Curl and Jason Hypes were presented the "2012 Commonwealth Public Safety Medal of Valor Award" for their valiant efforts in apprehending an off-duty sheriff's deputy who had shot and killed his estranged wife, led law enforcement on a pursuit, and then shot and injured a VSP sergeant before his arrest by Curl and Hypes.

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VIRGINIA NATIONAL GUARD APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION MONTH

Governor McDonnell is joined by Secretary Marla Graff Decker and The Adjutant General Of Virginia, MG Long, while he signs a proclamation declaring December as National Guard appreciation and Recognition month.



VIRGINIA SOLDIER HONORED AT WOMEN'S HISTORY EVENT

Sergeant Monica Beltran is honored for her dedicated years of service. Beltran was the first woman to receive the Bronze star Medal for Valor.



TOP VIRGINIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD UNIT'S RECOGNIZED

Maj. Gen. Daniel E. Long, Jr., the Adjutant General of Virginia, presents the Eisenhower Trophy to Capt. Brian J. Sansom, commander of Gate City-based 1032nd Transportation Company. The Eisenhower Trophy recognizes the most outstanding unit in the Virginia Army National Guard during the training year.



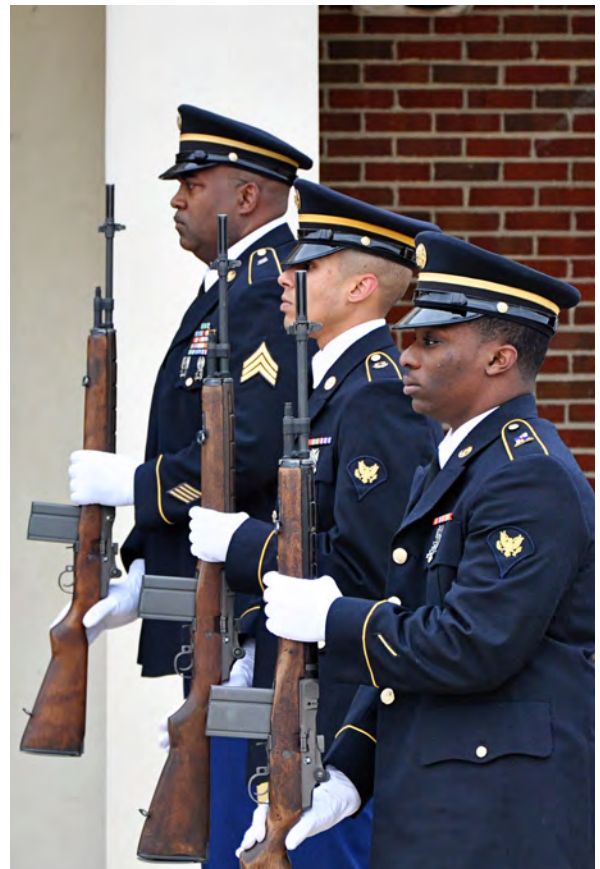
VIRGINIA GUARD MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS PROGRAM HONORS VETERANS

Soldiers from the Virginia Army National Guard Military Funeral Honors Program honor the remains of seven military veterans April 30, 2012 at the Albert G. Horton Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk. The veterans were buried with full military honors in a ceremony attended by fellow veterans and members of the local community. The Military Funeral Honors Program performs services throughout the state and averages more than 200 funerals a month.

Recognition (Continued)

In celebrating the achievements of those currently serving, it is also important to value those who have served the Commonwealth and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Those who die in the line of duty must never be forgotten. To commemorate their service, the lives of seven military veterans were honored by soldiers from the Virginia Army National Guard Military Funeral Honors Program. Two veterans, Sergeant Brandon Asbury and Sergeant David Lambert, were honored with highway road signs, unveiled by Senator Phillip Puckett, Delegate Will Morefield, the Honorable Michael Hymes and the American Veterans Honor Guard Association. Also, a memorial was held for the 18 unit members of the 203rd RED HORSE Squadron and three Florida Army National Guard aviators who died tragically in a military transport crash 11 years ago.

The administration's emphasis on veteran support was also exhibited in the Virginia Values Veterans initiative. The Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) directly responded to Governor McDonnell's agenda by placing unemployed veterans in law enforcement agencies across the Commonwealth. In partnering with the Virginia Employment Commission, the Virginia National Guard, Army Reserve units, and the Virginia Department of Veteran Services, DCJS has helped find employment for about 400 veterans. ■





AIR GUARD GROUPS RECOGNIZED WITH OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD

Staff Sgt. Christopher A. Stacklin, Airman First Class Darby J. Ryan and Staff Sgt. Greg K. Wills, 192nd Fighter Wing, Virginia Air National Guard F-22 Raptor weapons loaders, 27th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, conduct an inspection on a Universal Ammunition Loading System, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia, January 26, 2012. The Maintenance and Operations Groups of the 192nd Fighter Wing were each recently selected to receive an Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for their accomplishments over the past two years.



GOVERNOR RECOGNIZES VIRGINIA STATE POLICE AND VIRGINIA GUARD FOR SUPPORT DURING GOVERNOR'S ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell thanks members of the Virginia State Police and Virginia National Guard for their work during security operations at the National Governor's Association Conference during a reception held November 19, 2012, at the Executive Mansion in Richmond. Virginia Secretary of Public Safety Marla Graff Decker and the Governor's Chief of Staff Martin Kent joined McDonnell in extending their thanks, and Col. W. Steven Flaherty, Virginia State Police Superintendent, and Maj. Gen. Daniel E. Long, Jr., the Adjutant General of Virginia, expressed their mutual appreciation.



Performance and Achievement

Virginia public safety officers have received statewide and national acknowledgement and recognition for their high level service and innovation. The nationally-acclaimed Department of Forensic Science (DFS), through its four internationally-accredited forensic laboratories and its Richmond-based Testing and Calibration Laboratory, provided expert service to law enforcement agencies, medical examiners, Commonwealth's Attorneys and the criminal justice system in Virginia. DFS continued its commitment to its sterling reputation with its Post-Conviction DNA Testing Program launched under the direction of former Governor Mark Warner. DNA testing of samples of evidence maintained in more than 835 laboratory case files from 1973 through 1988, and in which a suspect was known to have been convicted of a violent felony offense, nears completion seven years after it began. A total of six of the formerly convicted in these cases have been exonerated due to this innovative program.

Developing the potential of our agencies helps to sharpen performance and achievement capabilities. VSP's 118th Basic Session, boasting the largest class in its history as well as the largest number of females, graduated 89 new troopers. The troopers completed a rigorous 37-week training to include 1,690 hours of classroom and field instruction encompassing more than 100 different subjects. Additional subjects included judicial procedures, juvenile and traffic law, firearms, self-defense, crowd control and first-aid.

Excellence through action is emblematic of the Commonwealth's highly trained public safety personnel. The Virginia State Police (VSP), in conjunction with several local police departments, demonstrated great skill as the lead agency dedicated to providing security and traffic control for the National Governors' Association Annual Conference hosted in Williamsburg by Governor McDonnell. The last time the conference was held in Virginia was in 1957. More than 20 governors, their families and executive attended the three-day conference.

The state awarded the following groups for operating at consistently high levels with dedication and adeptness over the past two years: the Maintenance and Operations Groups of the 192nd Fighter Wing were each selected for an Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, and the Virginia Department of Corrections recognized Major Darden at the Working Together As One Eastern Region Employees' Appreciation Day program. Major Darden was described as a model of moral character, seen directly through his actions, whether it be from soliciting donations for charities to using personal time to visit with staff that are in the hospital or sick at home, Major Darden never fails to lend a helping hand.



In the spirit of giving, the Department of Criminal Justice Services donated items to be sent to the troops in Afghanistan for Thanksgiving, packaging 22 boxes to be sent to our troops at Forward Operating Base Zangabad and Forward Operating Base Salerno. ■

WORKING TOGETHER AS ONE

Major Darden is recognized at the Working Together As One Eastern Region Employees' Appreciation Day program October 11 at the Golden Leaf Commons in Emporia, Virginia.



Performance and Achievement (Continued)



PACKAGES FOR THE TROOPS

DCJS staff package 22 boxes of toiletry items, snacks, magazines, puzzles, sports equipment, music CDs and movie DVDs.





Conclusion

Virginia's public safety professionals strive every day to keep our citizens safe and secure. Through innovative and efficient strategies, they are able to reduce criminal activity, enforce the law, and respond appropriately to the modern day challenges they face. They also serve to prepare and educate the public and other public safety professionals, as well as prepare offenders for re-entry into communities after serving their sentences. The Office of the Secretary of Public Safety provides the guidance and support necessary to keep Virginia's public safety agencies operating in a coordinated manner, allowing them to provide the very best service possible to the citizens of the Commonwealth. It is an honor to offer this report on behalf of all of Virginia's state public safety professionals. ■

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